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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURE IN THE MTN

1. WOLFF, FRASER AND WILLIAMS HAD EXTENDED DISCUSSION
DURING LONDON STOPOVER TODAY WITH ROY DENMAN, PERMANENT
SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, REGARDING IMPASSE IN
GENEVA ON HANDLING OF AGRICULTURAL MATTERS IN MTN.
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2. DENMAN WAS EXTREMELY NEGATIVE ON ANY PROSPECT OF CHANGING EC POSITION THROUGH APPEAL TO MEMBER STATES. HIS BASIC THESIS IS THAT WE WILL NOT MOVE THE COMMUNITY BY ARGUING PRINCIPLES; THE ONLY HOPE IS TO ARGUE PRACTICAL CASES, I.E. SHOW SPECIFIC CASES WHERE A GIVEN MATTER PERTINENT TO AN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN A BODY OTHER THAN AG COMMITTEE. HE THINKS WE MIGHT PREVAIL ON EC WITH CONCRETE CASE WHERE A TOPIC OBVIOUSLY SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY TARIFF GROUP OR NTB GROUP FOR INSTANCE, BUT THERE IS NO HOPE OF GETTING THE COUNCIL TO CHANGE EXISTING MANDATE ON "THEOLOGICAL" GROUNDS. HENCE ANY FORMULA TO RESOLVE PROBLEM CANNOT ADVANCE US PRINCIPLES BUT WILL HAVE TO BE ACCEPTABLE UNDER PRINCIPLES OF BOTH SIDES. HE DOES NOT THINK US WILL GET ANY SUPPORT IN APPROACHES TO MEMBER STATES. SPECIFICALLY HE THINKS FRENCH, BELGIAN AND DUTCH RE-ACTIONS WILL BE HOSTILE, GERMANS WILL LIE LOW, AND UK WILL BE REASONABLE BUT WILL NOT PUSH US CASE.

3. PERHAPS THE ONLY HOPEFUL PART OF DENMAN'S COMMENT WAS THE UK VIEW THAT THE EC'S FEBRUARY 10 GUIDELINES DO NOT REQUIRE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION FOR THE AG COMMITTEE; MATTERS PERTAINING TO AGRICULTURE CAN BE DISCUSSED ELSEWHERE AS WELL; THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED, NOT TRANSFERRED TO AG COMMITTEE.

4. THIS MESSAGE PREPARED AFTER DEPARTURE OF WOLFF AND COLLEAGUES FOR WASHINGTON.

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